tioned 'Tuskers in Trouble' appearing in the Indian Express dated October 13, 1991;

(b) the reasons for the elephants death and the large scale deforestation of Kollegal Reserve Forest in Mysore;

(c) whether any responsibility has been fixed in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Union Government against those found responsible?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Modernisation of Airports by Private Companies

4230. SHRI C.P. MUDALAGIRIYAPPA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIAITON AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to allow private companies to construct and modernise Airports for better management;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The development and construction of airports and provision of Air Traffic Control, Navigational Aids and communication services are a highly capital intensive activities with a relatively low rate of return because of low frequency of aircraft movements at most of the airports in India. In such cases it is unlikely that private investors and organisers would like to undertake such projects. Even when the National Airports Authority and International Airports Authority of India have the wherewithal to construct and modernise airports; financial constraints limit their achievements, Coordination activity amongst customs, immigration, security, health and other Govt. agencies, is achieved better under the control of the Government.

Stipend for Students of Andaman and Nicobar Islands

4231. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the last revision made of shcolarship/stipend rate of the students of Andaman and Nicobar Islands with the rates so revised for different category of students studying in different institutions in the mainland and the islands;

(b) whether Government propose to enhance the rate of scholarship/stipend, and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) A statement is given below.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No proposal has been received from the Andaman & Nicobar Administration.